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SUBJECT: PROPOSED IMMIGRATION RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN
MEDICAL PERSONNEL

REF: MANILA 3613

1. ON FEBRUARY 10, 1975, INS PUBLISHED NOTICE OF PROPOSED
RULE MAKING (40 F.R. 6211) PROPOSING TO AMEND 8 CFR
214.2(H)(2)(III) BY INCORPORATING THEREIN CERTAIN REQUIRE-
MENTS CONCERNING H-1 PETITIONS FOR PHYSICIANS AND NURSES.
UNDER PROPOSAL, PETITIONER WOULD BE REQUIRED ATTACH TO
PETITION (A) EVIDENCE THAT APPROPRIATE LICENSING AUTHORITY
HAS ISSUED PERMANENT LICENSE TO BENEFICIARY, OR (B) STATE-
MENT FROM LICENSING AUTHORITY THAT TEMPORARY LICENSE WILL
BE ISSUED BENEFICIARY UPON ARRIVAL IN JURISDICTION, OR (C)
STATEMENT FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL OF JURISDICTION THAT BENE-
FICIARY MAY PERFORM SERVICES DESIRED BY PETITIONER WITH-
OUT LICENSE OR PERMIT. PERIOD FOR SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS
CLOSED MARCH 14. PHIL EMBASSY WASHINGTON SUBMITTED NOTE
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ON SUBJECT WHICH DEPT FORWARDED TO INS FORCONSIDERATION

ALONG WITH OTHER COMMENTS RECEIVED.

2. ULTIMATE OUTCOME OF PROPOSED REGULATION NOT DEFINITELY SETTLED AT THIS TIME. INS HAS RECEIVED A NUMBER OF COMMENTS AND IS CONSIDERING THEM. WHEN FINAL ACTION TAKEN, POST WILL BE INFORMED.

3. POST IS CORRECT THAT EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAMS NOT AFFECTED BY INS PROPOSAL. POST SHOULD BE AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT ENTIRE QUESTION OF FOREIGN MEDICAL GRADUATES IN US MEDICAL PRACTICE IS CURRENTLY UNDER STUDY AND POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES IN REQUIREMENTS BOTH FOR IMMIGRANTS AND FOR EXCHANGE VISITORS COULD RESULT WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. DEPT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE INJUDICIOUS COMMENT PUBLICLY ON THIS POSSIBILITY AT THIS TIME IN VIEW BOTH OF UNCERTAINTY OF FINAL OUTCOME AND OF TIMING OF FINAL OUTCOME. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS DEPARTMENT'S VIEW THAT LONG-TERM TREND IN THIS AREA IS TOWARD INCREASINGLY STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS FOR FMG'S SEEKING PRACTICE MEDICINE IN U.S.

4. POST MAY GIVE APPROPRIATE PUBLICITY TO INFO IN PARAS 1 AND 2 AND TO FACT THAT EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAMS NOT AFFECTED BY PROPOSAL. DEPT HAS ALREADY EXPLAINED THIS INFORMALLY TO PHIL EMB OFFICER. INGERSOLL

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